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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2872  
Docket No.: 1185.1018

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI, et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: December 23, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: LIGHT CONTROL ELEMENT AND SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE  
LIGHT TYPE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on May 12, 2001. A Petition for a Three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 12, 2001.

In addition, a notice of appeal has been concurrently filed herewith, to provide the Examiner with additional time to review the enclosed remarks.

**REMARKS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The following remarks are respectfully submitted, and reconsideration of the allowability of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending and under consideration.